(c) The impact of the new policy on new investment, creation of job opportunities and access to new and improved services can be gauged only after the contours of the revamp exercise is defined.

Joint venture for making satellites

*244. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISRO has entered into an agreement with Boeing company to make satellites under joint ventures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what will be the financial implications for ISRO;

(d) whether any profits are expected by ISRO; and

(e) to what extent ISRO would be able to technically contribute to this joint venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Antrix Corporation, which is the commercial arm of Department of Space, are holding discussions with Boeing Satellite Systems of USA to jointly manufacture and market 2000 kg. class of communication satellites globally. However, there is no proposal for any joint venture.

(c) and (d) Financial aspects have not been finalized. However, the proposed teaming arrangement is expected to mutually benefit both the parties.

(e) The jointly built spacecraft is proposed to use the satellite platform developed by ISRO contributing towards state-of-art technology.

Number of unemployed persons

*245. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed persons from 2000-01 to 2003-04, State-wise;

(b) what steps are being taken to make available the employment opportunities and reduce the rate of unemployment growth;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Aagriculture and animal husbandry field has a potential to generate many crore jobs at local village level, if proper programmes and policies are adopted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Reliable estimates of unemployed persons during the period July, 2000 to June, 2004 will be available after completion of the field survey scheduled for July, 2004 to June, 2005 by the National Sample Survey Organization and publication of the results thereof.

(b) Steps are being taken through the plan initiative for creation of additional employment opportunities in agriculture, irrigation, agro-forestry, small and medium enterprises, information communication technology and other serivces. Government is also implementing various special employment generation schemes like Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana etc. Action has been initiated to draft the National Employment Guarantee Bill to provide 100 days of employment to one able bodied person in every poor household.

(c) and (d) Agriculture and allied sector has been identified as one of the main sectors with substantial job potential. Various programmes and policies identified relate to oil seeds and pulses, watershed development for rain fed areas, horticulture, on farm management programmes, agri clinics and Seed production, greening the country through agro forestry, fresh water aquaculture etc.

Inclusion of new industries in list of ARIs

*246. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got any survey or research conducted for including certain new industries in the existing agro and rural industries;

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